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Iowa Workforce Development announces amendment to Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn grant opportunity

The grants will support Iowa's economic recovery by strengthening its workforce by expanding training opportunities for Iowans whose employment has been affected by the pandemic

DES MOINES – Iowa Workforce Development has amended the Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant that was released on October 19, 2020, to expand applicant eligibility. In addition to current eligible applicants, high schools and previous Coronavirus Relief Fund Employer Innovation Grant and Registered Apprenticeship Incentive Grant recipients may apply to receive additional grant funds in accordance with the terms of the Earn and Learn grant. The grant application deadline has been extended to 11:59 pm on October 27, 2020.

The purpose of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant is to fund projects that support the creation and expansion of short-term training programs and support services resulting in industry-recognized credentials. The projects must serve Iowans whose jobs have been affected by the pandemic. Applications are due no later than Oct. 27, 2020, and funds must be expended by Dec. 31, 2020.

Applicants can apply for up to \$250,000 for the Coronavirus Relief Fund Earn and Learn Grant to support existing programs or develop new ones that

provide training opportunities for Iowans to earn short-term credentials with a priority given to programs that are in high demand occupations. Previous Coronavirus Relief Fund Employer Innovation Grant and Registered Apprenticeship Incentive Grant recipients may now apply to receive additional grant funds not to exceed a total of \$250,000 for all Coronavirus Relief Fund grants. Funds may be used toward tuition, books, tools, work-related supplies, wrap-around supports, and no more than 10% can be utilized for administrative costs, including office supplies, personnel costs, or marketing.

Please join Iowa Workforce Development to learn more about this grant with a webinar we will be hosting Oct. 21 at noon https://iowaworks.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cm8rxGAMRfu1lrIBdh7x_A

All applications must be submitted through www.iowaGrants.gov by October 27, 2020. For more information about the grant program, visit www.futurereadyiowa.gov/earn-learn-grants

Additionally, the list of the Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grants is available on the Future Ready Iowa website: www.futurereadyiowa.gov/ra-expansion-grant-awardees

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